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PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS IN ST. JOSEPH AND RAYTOWN IN AQUILA RATE CASES

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **St. Joseph** on **November 17, 2005**, and in **Raytown** on **November 29, 2005**, to receive customer comment in electric and steam rate cases filed by Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P. Local public hearings also give customers an opportunity to bring any service related problems to the Commission's attention.

The local public hearing schedule appears below:

St. Joseph
November 17, 2005
City Council Chamber
1100 Frederick Avenue
Hearing begins at 6:00 pm*

Raytown
November 29, 2005
City Council Chamber
10000 East 59th Street
Hearing begins at 6:00 pm*

***There will be an informal question and answer session from 5:30 pm until 6:00 pm with the local public hearing starting at 6:00 pm. The hearing will continue until 9:00 pm or until all persons present have had an opportunity to speak, whichever is sooner.**

These local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in these public hearings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearings.

On May 24, 2005, Aquila, Inc. filed an electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual electric revenues in its MPS and L&P service areas. Aquila, Inc. seeks an increase of approximately \$69.2 million in its MPS service area and an increase of approximately \$9.4 million in its L&P service area.

For the average MPS residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$11.48 a month. For the average L&P residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$4.54 a month.

Aquila, Inc. provides electric service to approximately 240,000 customers in its MPS service area and to approximately 60,000 customers in its L&P service area (formerly St. Joseph Light & Power).

On May 27, 2005, Aquila, Inc. filed a steam rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual steam revenues in its L&P service area. Aquila, Inc. seeks an increase of approximately \$5 million (44.3%). Aquila, Inc. provides service to five industrial steam customers in St. Joseph, Missouri.